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CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES TO THE SIXTH MEETING OF STATES PARTIES TO THE UNITED NATIONS CONVENTION ON THE LAW OF THE SEA

Second report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Ms. Joanna Darmanin (Malta)

1. The Credentials Committee held its 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings on 13 March 1997.

2. At those meetings, the Committee had before it memoranda by the Secretariat, dated 12 March 1997, containing additional information on the status of credentials of representatives participating in the Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea.

3. As noted in paragraph 1 of the memoranda of the Secretariat, as orally amended during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings, formal credentials by the head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs or by any person authorized by either of them, had been received by the Secretariat for the representatives of the following 27 States participating in the Sixth Meeting of States Parties: Austria, Botswana, Costa Rica, Côte d'Ivoire, Cyprus, Dominica, Georgia, Ghana, Grenada, Guatemala, Guinea-Bissau, Guyana, Haiti, Iraq, Kenya, Marshall Islands, Namibia, Nigeria, Norway, Palau, Papua New Guinea, Republic of Korea, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Saint Lucia, Trinidad and Tobago, United Republic of Tanzania and Zimbabwe.

4. As noted in paragraph 2 of the memoranda of the Secretariat, as orally amended during the 2nd and 4th meetings, information concerning the appointment of representatives participating in the Sixth Meeting of States Parties had been communicated by means of facsimile or in the form of letters or notes verbales from ministries, permanent missions to the United Nations or other government offices or authorities, or through local United Nations offices, by the following 14 States participating in the Sixth Meeting of States Parties:

Antigua and Barbuda, Brunei Darussalam, Comoros, Cuba, Djibouti, Egypt, Gambia, Jordan, Kuwait, Paraguay, Saint Vincent and the Grenadines, Saudi Arabia, Sierra Leone and Zaire.

5. The Chairman proposed that the Committee accept the credentials of all representatives mentioned in the memoranda of the Secretariat, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings of the Credentials Committee, on the understanding that formal credentials of representatives referred to in paragraph 2 of the Secretariat's memoranda would be communicated to the Secretariat as soon as possible. The following draft resolution was proposed by the Chairman for adoption by the Committee:

"The Credentials Committee,

"Having examined the credentials of the representatives to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea referred to in paragraphs 1 and 2 of the memoranda of the Secretariat dated 12 March 1997, supplemented by the additional information provided by the Secretariat during the 2nd, 3rd and 4th meetings of the Credentials Committee,

"Accepts the credentials of the representatives concerned."

6. The draft resolution was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

7. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Meeting of States Parties the adoption of the following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee."

8. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties.

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE

9. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties the adoption of tne following draft resolution:

"Credentials of representatives to the Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"The Sixth Meeting of States Parties to the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea

"Approves the second report of the Credentials Committee."